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MCH GRANT OF \$6,000 TO FINANCE
LAND USE CONFERENCE IN BILLINGS NOV. 8-10

MISSOULA--

The Montana Committee for the Humanities (MCH), which has home offices at the University of Montana in Missoula, has awarded \$6,000 to the Montana Land Use Conference Committee in Billings for presentation of a conference there Nov. 8-10.

The conference, entitled "Land and Its Uses: The Ethics and Politics of Land Use Issues," will be at the Northern Hotel.

Conference registration will be from 8 a.m. to noon Thursday (Nov. 8) at the Northern. The public may participate in the conference without charge.

Commenting on the objectives of the three-day program, Bruce R. Sievers, Missoula, MCH director, said, "The conference is designed to examine the human values involved in decision making about critical land use issues.

"The Billings conference will be the first time in Montana that representatives of such a broad spectrum of opinion about land use will be brought together with prominent humanists to discuss these difficult questions facing our society."

A series of seven talks and five panel discussions on national and local land use issues will be included in the conference.

Keynote speakers and panelists slated to participate in the conference, and the titles of the respective discussions are:

THURSDAY (Nov. 8)--David R. Brower, Berkeley, Calif., founder of the Sierra Club and Friends of the Earth, dinner speaker, "Land--An Overview," 7 p.m.

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FRIDAY (Nov. 9)--George W. O'Connor, Butte, president of Montana Power Co., breakfast speaker, "Relationship of Man and Land," 8:30 a.m. Panel discussion, "Montana's Need for A Land Use Policy," 10 a.m.--Bruce Kelly, Braintree, Mass., Solar Power Consultant; Mike Meloy, Helena, staff attorney, Montana Legislative Council; James A. Posewitz, Helena, chief, Environment and Information Division, Montana Fish and Game Department; Richard A. Baer Jr., Richmond, Va., an associate professor at Earlham School of Religion, Earlham College; Ray Harrison, geologist, Cardinal Petroleum Co.; Dr. Chris Field, Missoula, an associate professor of geography, University of Montana, and Dr. W. Leslie Pengelly, Missoula, professor of forestry, UM, panel moderator.

Other programs scheduled for Friday--U.S. Congressman John Melcher, D-Forsyth, luncheon speaker, "Montana's Relationship to the National Land Use Act," noon. Panel discussion, "National Land Use Action and Programs," 2 p.m.--Charles Conklin, Washington, D.C., U.S. House Interior Committee; Martin E. Seneca Jr., Salt Lake City, Utah, associate professor of law, University of Utah; William J. Briggie, superintendent, Glacier National Park; Joseph A. McElwain, Butte, executive vice president, Montana Power Co.; Ken Kesey, Pleasant Hills, Ore., a novelist; Alan Merson, Denver, Colo., Department of Natural Resources, University of Denver College of Law, and Dr. Wilson Clark, Billings, chairman of the Eastern Montana College Division of Sciences and Mathematics, panel moderator.

Wayne Aspinall, Palisade, Colo., a former U.S. Congressman from Colorado, will be keynote speaker at Friday's dinner, scheduled for 7 p.m. He will discuss "Man and the Environment."

SATURDAY (Nov. 10)--Amy Roosevelt, Denver, Colo., an active environmentalist, who is a granddaughter of Teddy Roosevelt, breakfast speaker, "Human Rights vs. Property Rights," 8:30 a.m. Panel discussion, "Demands of Montana's Lands vs Its Capabilities," 10 a.m.--Arthur W. Clarkson, Helena, Water Quality Bureau, Montana Department of Health and Environmental Sciences; Fletcher W. Newby, Helena, director, Montana Environmental Quality Council; Gary J. Wicks, Helena, director, Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation; Harold Price, Helena, bureau chief, Community Development Bureau, Montana Department of Intergovernmental Relations; John Reuss, Bozeman, as assistant professor of government, Montana State University; Robert H. Jorgenson, Roundup, director, Area No. 4, lower Musselshell County Soil Conservation District, and panel moderator Steve Brown, Helena, environmental assistant to Gov. Thomas L. Judge.

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Other programs scheduled for Saturday--David Calfee, Washington, D.C., a lawyer for the Environmental Policy Center, luncheon speaker, "Focus on Local Problems," noon. Panel discussion, "The Politics of Land Planning," 1:30 p.m.--State Sen. Jean A. Turnage, R-Polson; Billings Alderman Norman Schoenthal; Aspinall; State Rep. Dorothy M. Bradley, D-Bozeman; Dan Mizner, East Helena, Montana League of Cities and Towns; Mrs. Jean Bowman, Billings, Constitutional Convention delegate, and Duane W. Bowler, Billings, editor of The Billings Gazette, panel moderator.

Another panel discussion, "Future of Land Use Policies," is scheduled for 3:45 p.m. Saturday. Panelists will be Ruth Koch, Butte, a member of the Montana Wilderness Association State Council; State Rep. Francis Bardanoue, D-Harlem; poet Richard Hugo, Missoula, an English professor at UM; Howard Edwards, New York, N.Y., a representative of the Anaconda Co.; State Sen. George Darrow, R-Billings, and panel moderator Frank McChessney, Helena, director, Montana Department of Intergovernmental Relations.

Author A. B. Guthrie Jr., Missoula, will be keynote speaker at the concluding dinner of the conference, scheduled for 7 p.m. Saturday. Guthrie will discuss "Land and Its Future Uses."

UM President Robert T. Pantzer is MCH chairman.

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